The Maricopa County Library Council Continuing Education Committee announces the 2002-2003 tour series.

The tours include:

Maricopa County Library District's Guadalupe Branch (with cultural tour) 9241 S. Avenida del Yaqui, Guadalupe TUESDAY, Sept. 17, 2002, 9:30-11 a.m.

Tour of the new 3,776-sq. ft. library facilities, followed by a short cultural program. Guadalupe Branch Library: The District's new branch library in Guadalupe opened in 2001. Built by the Town of Guadalupe, the library is part of the New Town Multipurpose Center. Besides the library, the new Center includes a day care center, learning center for community college students, Boys and Girls Club, town administrative offices, County Sheriff's office, and Community Action Program (CAP) offices. Materials for Spanish-speaking and Native American customers are available. The Library also partners with the Pascua Jaqui Tribe to provide an afterschool tutoring program.

Rare Book and Arizona Room, Burton Barr Central Library 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix WEDNESDAY, Oct. 23, 9:30-11 a.m.

The Arizona Room, located on the fourth floor of the Burton Barr Central Library, contains a research collection of books, magazines, maps and other materials reflecting the heritage, lifestyle and geography of the desert Southwest from prehistoric times to the present. It includes more than 23,000 volumes and an Arizona Republic clipping file for the period 1965-1989. The Rare Book Room, also on the fourth floor, consists of the Alfred Knight Rare Book Collection of about 3,100 items, an artist made book collection, an excellent selection of materials on the history of the book and book arts, and a page from the Gutenberg Bible.

West Valley Genealogical Society Library 12222 N. 111th Ave., Youngtown THURSDAY, Nov. 14, 9:30-11 a.m.

The West Valley Genealogical Society library is a non-circulation library with over 6,000 book titles and about 850 periodical titles. This is a non-circulating library, with books and periodicals as well as CDs. The West Valley Genealogical Society library serves members who have migrated from all 50 states. There are microfilm and microfiche readers and printers. This is a new location for the collection on the southwest corner of 111th Ave. and California in Youngtown.

Northwest Regional Library, Maricopa County Library District 16089 N. Bullard, Surprise (located at Bullard & Paradise Lane, west of Litchfield Road & south of Bell Road) THURSDAY, Jan. 23, 2003, 10-11:30 a.m.

Now kids can really go straight from the Library to the ballpark-or to the swimming pool! The new Northwest Regional Library will be located near an Aquatics Park, Sports Stadium and Community Park in the new Surprise Downtown Center. The Library is set to open in Fall 2002. This is 23,000 square foot facility which will have an opening day collection of approximately 40,000 items in all formats-from traditional books and electronic books to movies on DVD. The Library has an overall capacity of 70,000 items. The library will have a centralized service desk design and over 60 public access computers with flat monitors, an online computer reservation scheduling system, activity computers for kids, and self-check systems which use radio frequency identification.

Desert Botanical Garden Library 1201 N. Galvin Parkway (Papago Park), Phoenix WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2003, 11-12 noon

Opened in its new, spacious location in February of 2002, the Desert Botanical Garden Library provides research materials for Garden staff, members, volunteers and the general public. The main emphasis of the library's collection is the study of plants from arid regions of southwestern North America and around the world. It also includes materials about the conservation of rare and endangered arid-land plants, as well as the study of ethno-botany and desert gardening. It includes material such as botanical illustrations, botanical gardens of the world, plant taxonomy and nomenclature, edible/useful plants, rare and endangered species, desert ecology and ethno-botany. After the library tour, walk the Garden grounds to view the spring display. (Attendees will not have to pay an admission fee to the Garden, but will need to be pre-registered for the tour.)

Fountain Hills Branch Library, Maricopa County Library District 12901 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills TUESDAY, April 22, 2003, 10-11:30 a.m.

A beautiful new library, overlooking the town's fountain. Fountain Hills Branch Library: The new 15,000-sq. ft. library opened in October 2001. Built by the Town of Fountain Hills, the library is adjacent to the new Town Community Center. The "tecky" library is totally self-check and uses "SmartCard" library cards equipped with a chip allowing customers to reserve computer time, pay for printing, etc. Over forty flat-screen computers are available for customers' use. One of the most popular features of the library is the multiple copies of best-sellers prominently shown on "bookstore-like" display units.

Phoenix Art Museum Library 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix TUESDAY, May 20, 2003, 10-11:30 a.m.

The Art Research Library of the Phoenix Art Museum is a non-circulating research library with collection strengths reflecting those of the art collection. Collections include materials on art criticism and art history with emphasis in Asian, Latin American, Western American, European, 20th-Century Art and Fashion design. The library serves as an important resource for the community and is the largest fine arts library in the region.

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☐ West Valley Genealogical Society Library, Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.	FAX (PLEASE)
☐ Northwest Regional Library, Jan. 23, 2003, 10:00 a.m.	Phone
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☐ Fountain Hills Branch Library, April 22, 2003, 10:00 a.m.	Street Address
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